This year Neumont University is launching its own version of March Madness in the form of a single-elimination, winner-takes-all, championship bracket of coding frenzy.

HOW WILL THIS WORK?
• Registered students will be placed in a March Madness-style bracket.
• Each “match” will pit one coder against another. Matches will be conducted on campus with both participants in the room as well as at least one moderator. The moderator will give the students a coding problem to solve and the first one to complete the code will move on to the next round.
• Allowable technology (Java, C++, C#) for the contest is TBD but we are attempting to have it as tech-agnostic as possible.
• Participants are not allowed to use any external resources (email, internet, messaging, pals,) during the match.

WHEN WILL THIS TAKE PLACE?
• The competition will begin on grading day, February 9 and run through Sprint II.
• The championship match will take place on or near the last day of the quarter.
• Other than February 9, most matches will take place at 12 PM on the selected days. We will do our best to accommodate the course schedules of the participants if you have a class conflict.

WHAT DO I GET IF I WIN?
• Pride and the admiration of all.
• The two winners of past tournament like this have gone on to great success. One of them is currently working at Blizzard. The other went on to earn a PhD from Cambridge and is working on cancer genome projects at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. That’s pretty decent company to be keeping.
• There will be prizes for the top finishers – more to come later.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
• This contest is limited to current Neumont students.
• Staff will act as moderators during this competition.
• Matches will be open to the public.

WHAT IF CODING ISN’T MY THING?
• Stay tuned for other non-coding contests coming in the near future.

HOW DO I GET IN ON THIS ACTION?
• Register by emailing areed@neumont.edu.

The deadline to register is Friday, January 30.